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C. & S. S. REGISTRY.

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Subject (in full) Interview with V.A.Ornatsky, suspected of being responsible for dinner party hoax at the Majestic Cafe.

Made by D.S.I. Prokofiev

Forwarded by *D. J. Hunter*

With reference to the endorsement of the Officer i/c Special Branch on the attached report dated December 16, 1933, on the subject of an unknown Russian responsible for the dinner party hoax at the Majestic Cafe on December 3, 1933, the undersigned visited V.A. Ornatsky, who is strongly suspected of being the culprit, at No 19 Route Dollfus, his present address, and warned him accordingly.

He denies having anything to do with the affair.

*A. Prokofiev*  
D.S.I.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

*J. H.*  
JAN 3 1934

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FILE NO. 2. REGISTRY.

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Date December 16, 1933.

Subject (in full) Enquiry re: unknown Russian responsible for dinner  
party hoax at the Majestic Cafe.

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With reference to the attached report of the Chief Inspector i/c Sinza Police Station dated December 5, 1933, on the subject of a Russian, name unknown, who on December 3 visited the Majestic Cafe, Bubbling Well Road, and falsely pretending that he was acting on instructions of Mr. Bogomoloff, Soviet Ambassador, made arrangements for an expensive dinner party, which subsequently nobody attended, enquiries show that a Russian named V.A. Ornatsky is strongly suspected of being the culprit. The following is an outline of enquiries which led to the suspicion against the above named individual :-

On December 5 the undersigned visited the Majestic Cafe and interviewed Mr. Schiller, manager of the cafe, and five Chinese members of his staff. They described the unknown Russian as being 22-24 years of age, about 5'10" tall, medium build, brown eyes, brown straight hair brushed back; wearing dark blue double-breast jacket with brass buttons and some brass badges on the collar, dark overcoat and grey felt hat.

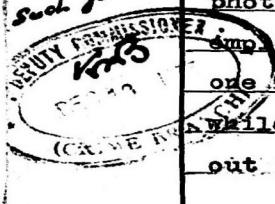
According to Mr. Schiller the badges on the collar were similar to those of the Harbin Polytechnic School uniform. The Russian seemed to have a fairly good knowledge of English.

On December 8 Mr. Schiller was taken to a certain place where he was shown a number of photographs with the result that he identified V.A. Ornatsky as being the culprit. On the following day twelve photographs, including two different photographs of Ornatsky, were shown to each of the five Chinese employees of the Majestic Cafe referred to above. Of these one named Loh Ah Zien (罗阿镇) immediately identified Ornatsky, while Zung Ying Keng (陈应庚) and Dong Tsung Yoen (董秉元) picked out the two photographs of Ornatsky and stated that the culprit

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Better have  
Ornatsky  
named re  
such photos.



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was very much like the individuals appearing on these photographs.

Ornatsky's address being located at House 52, No. 1295 Rue Lafayette, it was arranged on December 14 that Mr. Schiller had a chance of seeing him in person, being unobserved by the latter. Mr. Schiller stated that he had little doubt that Ornatsky was the man who had fooled him. It was then agreed that before this report is submitted, Mr. Schiller should point out the suspect to the Chinese members of his staff and see if they too could identify him. This could be easily done as Ornatsky is employed in a public place. However, later on the same date Mr. Schiller informed the undersigned by phone that he had decided to drop the case, as the actual damage caused is only \$80.00 and the prosecution of the culprit would mean considerable loss of his and his employees' time. He also was afraid that the whole affair would "make him look like a fool."

A glance on the attached list of guests whom Mr. Schiller expected in vain after he had put himself to a considerable trouble in order to secure various Russian delicacies ordered by the would-be Air-Pilot, is sufficient to understand why Mr. Schiller is not very keen on making the affair public. He had a dim suspicion that he had been a victim of a conspiracy to get him out of his position.

The motive of similar tricks, reference to which is made in article published in the "Shanghai Evening Post & Mercury" of December 14, 1933 (cutting attached) seems to be of a different nature, as persons likely to be annoyed by these tricks include Soviet consular officials. So far no information is available as to the identity of the person who visited Messrs Hoggard & Sigler, Sassoon House. Enquiries show that he is not identical

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with Ornatsky.

Vassily Alexandrovitch Ornatsky, Russian, born 1911 in the Province of Yaroslavl, Russia, arrived in Shanghai from Harbin on March 30, 1932. He served with the French Fire Brigade for about 15 months and is at present employed at the Cafe "Moulin Rouge," Rue Brenier de Montmorand. Nothing detrimental is known by this office regarding this individual.

A. Prokofiev

D. S. I.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

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*H. Guérin*

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Please see remarks of Dr. (Spine) and warn Donatsky accordingly. The warning should be given in a very discreet manner. JPL DEC 19 1933

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LIST OF GUESTS WHO WERE EXPECTED TO ATTEND  
THE DINNER PARTY AT THE MAJESTIC CAFE ON  
DECEMBER 3, 1933.

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- (1) Mr. Bogomoloff
- (2) Mrs Bogomoloff
- (3) Mr. L. S. Slovutsky
- (4) Mr. E. S. Cunningham
- (5) Mrs E. S. Cunningham
- (6) Mr. Ciano di Cortellazzo
- (7) Dr. J. B. Ferreira da Silva
- (8) Mr. E. Koechlin
- (9) Mr. F. R. Lubar (Lafar ?)
- (10) Baron Ruedt von Collenberg
- (11) Mr. Wu Teh Chen
- (12) A Chinese gentleman (name illegible)
- (13) Major Darby
- (14) A well known local Rabby (Ashkenazy ?)

SPECIAL INQUIRY

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
C & S. R. REGISTRY  
Sergeant Pol. No. D-5576  
December 15, 1933

Ordering Food by False Pretences that Same  
Soviet Ambassador.

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SPECIAL INQUIRY S. I. Stubbings.

Sir,

I beg to forward a copy of report made in the  
Occurrence Book dated 4/12/33.

\*At 12.15p.m. 4/12/33 Mr. Schiller, Manager of the  
Majestic Cafe, Bubbling Well Road, came to the Station and  
reported that at about 6.30p.m. 3/12/33, an unknown Russian  
in Soviet Uniform, who claimed to be an Air Pilot, went to the  
above Cafe and stated he wanted to arrange a Dinner party for  
14 prominent guests, mentioning Major Wu and several Consul  
Officials as being among the guests who were to be entertained  
by Mr. B. Bogomoloff, the Soviet Ambassador whom he was alleged  
to be fixing the Dinner arrangements for. He requested that the  
food be the very best of Russian Food obtainable and that it  
would be advisable to have extra guards on the doors in case  
of any anti Soviet interference. The Dinner was all prepared  
for 10.30p.m. but the party failed to appear, this putting the  
management of the Cafe to a lot of unnecessary expenses and  
labour. Mr. Schiller made enquiries at the Soviet Consul on  
4/12/33 and was informed that they knew of no Dinner party  
being arranged. Description of the Russian ordering the party  
as follows: height 5 feet 10 inches, clean shaven, long face  
and could speak very good English.

S2, for inquiry with a view  
to establishing the identity  
of the culprit and report  
please.

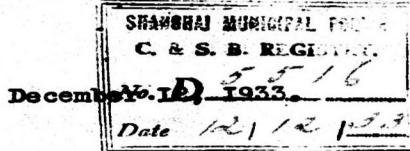
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I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*H. Stubbings*  
Officer 46.

*old Profess. of Eng.*



WAS IT A PRACTICAL JOKER OR SOME INSANE PERSON?

Several shops on Nanking Road and the Soviet Consulate-General were made the victims of a practical joker or of some insane person the other day.

It appears that a man described as tall, dark and fashionably dressed called at a number of shops on Nanking Road and placed large orders in the name of the Soviet Consulate-General, the orders ranging from furniture to a dinner for 18 persons. When the goods were delivered at the Consulate-General, they were repudiated.

But the most unpleasant part of the affair was the arrival at the Soviet Consulate-General of eight persons in evening dress on Saturday to attend a dinner to which they had received invitations.

It is said that while waiting in the shops on Nanking Road, the man carried out an active propaganda for the soviet regime in the English language.

The man did not appear to have secured any advance of money from any person nor has anything been reported missing at the places which he had visited.

Office of the Secretary.

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Any confirmation?

D. S. G. Prakapian

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D.S.G. Prokofiev

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